

Please renumber claim "61" as -73- and enter the claim.

In Claim 68, please delete "60" and insert -72--.

In Claim 69, please delete "61" and insert -73--.

As noted below, "new" claim 59 has already been entered.

Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Burke for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on September 28, 2000, to explain the issues pertaining to entry of amendments in this case. The following is a summary of the status of the case pursuant to the telephone interview and this amendment:

- New claims 59, 60 and 61 from the response dated November 17, 1999 (paper no. 16), have been entered.
- New claims 62 through 71 from the response dated June 22, 2000 (paper no. 19), have been entered.
- Amendments to claims 6-12, 14, 15, 19, 38, 41, 44, and 45 from the response dated June 22, 2000 (paper no. 19), have been entered.
- Claim 13 has been cancelled.
- The only claims in question were "new" claims 59-61 from the response dated June 22, 2000 (paper no. 19).
- Claim 59 has already been entered; thus the request to enter new claim 59 in the response dated June 22, 2000 (paper no. 19) is redundant.
- New claim 60 (paper no. 19) is renumbered as new claim 72 and should be entered.
- New claim 61 (paper no. 19) is renumbered as new claim 73 and should be entered.
- Claim 68 has been amended to correct dependency.
- Claim 69 has been amended to correct dependency.
- Thus, claims 6-12, 14-19, 38, 41, 44, 45, and 59-73 are pending.